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PD changes leadership

University Police hires interim chief of police, sergeant

Sergeant Gloria Mitchell

Chief Leo Finnerty

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

The PUC University Police Department is under new leadership this semester, after administrators named Leo Finnerty to the chief of police position and Gloria Mitchell to the sergeant position in early August.

Finnerty and Mitchell, both former police officers with the department, were promoted by the administration on an interim basis. A national search will be conducted by a search committee for a permanent chief of police in the coming weeks, and the new chief will conduct a search for a permanent sergeant.

Both former Police Chief Stephen Chaddock and former Sergeant Nicholas Zwier have stayed on with the department. Chaddock now holds the position of detective sergeant, the first PUC officer to hold such a position, and Zwier now holds a position as a patrolman.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Michael Kull said he is unable to discuss whether Chaddock and Zwier stepped down voluntarily or whether they were demoted by the administration.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of University Relations Wes Lukoshus said personnel matters are always kept confidential by the university, and that the administration will not discuss the reasons behind the changes.

Both Finnerty and Mitchell have extensive training in law enforcement with local police departments.

"With nearly 30 years of wide-ranging, law enforcement expertise, training and supervisory experience, Interim Chief Finnerty offers impressive credentials and valuable knowledge to our University Police operation," Kull said. "Likewise, Interim Sergeant Mitchell is an accomplished police professional whose background and service are well-suited for her role on our campus."

Interim Chief of Police Leo Finnerty

For 20 years, Finnerty served at the Hobart Police Department as a patrolman, detective and as a lieutenant detective. He stepped down in 2007 after solving a 26-year-old missing-person case and after years of hostage negotiations.

"The thing I like about my job is that I never know what will happen tomorrow," he said.

Finnerty has been at the PUC University Police Department one year as a patrolman and said he became a campus officer because it is a "good retirement job."

"The biggest difference between my past jobs and the present is that I used to only deal with the bad guys," he said.

Finnerty said he has not taken the time in the last three weeks to contemplate if he would like to apply as the permanent chief of police.

"I like the job," he said. "I like the staff, and I really like working with Gloria."

Interim Sergeant Gloria Mitchell

Mitchell comes into the sergeant post with 29 years at the Hammond Police Department in both the Juvenile Division and the Gang and Narcotics Division. She was the first black woman to serve as an officer there and rose through the ranks to become a captain in 2000.

She quit the department in 2006 to work at PUC because of its smaller scale, and was hired as a patrol officer.

She said she is honored to have been selected as the new sergeant, but does not know if she plans to apply as the permanent sergeant.

"To be quite honest with you, I haven't had time to really sit down and think about it yet," Mitchell said.

New changes at the PD

During his time as police chief, Finnerty said he plans to update the rules and regulations that currently exist in the department and update accident reports to make them printable off of the department website.

Under the leadership of Finnerty and Mitchell the public crime log is also available at the department with full descriptions of each incident that the University Police respond to. He said another new tool the department now employs is the database of crimes from the Lake County prosecutor's office in order to monitor crimes near campus and see if they match those on campus.

International Film Series
September Schedule

Sept. 11 - "Hukkle"
A Hungarian film

Sept. 17 - "Before the Rain"
A Macedonian film

Sept. 24 - "There Once was a Singing Blackbird"
A Georgian film

Sept. 30 - "Four Months, Three Weeks and Two Days"
A Romanian film

Films show at 6:30. Wednesday films show in Y Jean Chambers and Thursday films show in CLO 110. Admission is free.

Film series returns to campus

Jessica Figurski
Staff Writer

An Eastern European film theme kicks off this semester's International Film Series with movies from Hungary, Macedonia, Georgia and Romania.

The film series, a three-month extravaganza of movies from around the globe, was resurrected last semester by professor Stephen Lombardo, from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and professor Andy Miller, from the Department of English.

The series had been inactive for two years prior to last semester.

The film series features one foreign film screening per week for a total of 12 screenings, all with English subtitles. They are also free and open to the public, Lombardo said.

After the success of the film series last semester, the pair felt the necessity to keep screening cultural films at PUC.

PUC now employs and educates a large number of international students and faculty members from around the world that benefit from this series, Lombardo said. But American students can benefit more.

Matthew Kelly, a senior majoring in professional writing, said, "It's a great example of how PUC is more than just a commuter campus; truly a reflection of the cultural diversity PUC prides itself with."

Miller said in an e-mail, "The IFS has several goals. In part, we want to introduce PUC students and Northwest Indiana residents to a wide range of international cinema. And we want to encourage our audiences to engage with these films with a spirit of intellectual inquiry. We also hope that the IFS contribute to the university's 'global' outlook."

Films are chosen both by the entertainment value and how engaging they are to the audience. They are also chosen by the length of time. Lombardo and Miller do not choose movies that exceed two hours.

The films are also chosen by a criteria meant to expose the campus to the widest variety of films.

Ideas on which films to screen initially came to fruition by feedback Lombardo and Miller received from an organizational meeting. Feedback from students and faculty members, as well as attendees to the first series of films, helped develop the ideas.

"We're still working on themes for the next two months, but we're thinking of featuring films from Africa, southeast Asia, South America, the Middle East, or Central America," Miller said.

A faculty member will also lead a discussion before and after screenings.

Rhonda Nemri, a junior majoring in public relations said, "Having the films enhances our ability to learn about other cultures. I personally like foreign films because they are interesting and always have a real story attached to it."

Students are encouraged to get involved in the selection of films and the lecture discussion process. Both Professor Lombardo and Professor Miller want students to feel this is their cinema series.

Films will be shown on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the CLO Building, room 110, and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Y Jean Chambers Hall in the SUL Building.

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What's Going On?

A Look Around...

The Second City

Back by popular demand, the legendary comedy troupe, The Second City, will perform live in Alumni Hall at PUC on September 26 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Discounted tickets for students are limited at $10 each while quantities last. Students must show PUC student ID at time of purchase. Tickets for Purdue Alumni Association - Calumet members are $15. Tickets for all others are $20. This event is open to the general public. Doors will be open at 6 p.m. Call the alumni office for details at 989-2308.

Inspired Leaders Series

The Office of Career Services is hosting the Inspired Leaders Series again this year. The first installment will be held on September 11 and will be discuss effective leadership of groups in a crisis. Professor Dean Larson from the School of Management will teach this course in SUL 321 from 5 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. For details, call the Office of Career Services at 989-2419.

Backpacks to Briefcases series

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the Backpacks 2 Briefcases series again this semester. Shelly Robinson, the director of Career Services, will be teaching the first training session on enhancing resumes. The workshop will be held in SUL 305 on September 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. For details, call the Office of Career Services at 989-2419.

Interested in singing?

Those interested in singing can attend an informational meeting/audition for the Purdue Vocal Company on Tuesday, Sept. 9th in SUL rm. 353 (YJean Chambers Hall) at 3:30. If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, please fill out an information sheet available from the director, Patricia Hales, in Porter 114A. The choir meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays 3:30-5:00 in SUL 353. The group is open to students, faculty and staff.

Welcome back picnic

New Student Orientation will be hosting a welcome back picnic for all students on September 11 in the Founder's Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student organization retreat

There will be a mandatory meeting for all student organization officers on September 12 in SUL 321 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Office of Student Activities encourages all advisors to attend as well. Lunch will be provided.

For more information, call Student Activities at 989-2369 or go online at http://esc.calumet.purdue.edu/ccdl/calendar/showAllEvents.asp to register.

Calling all PUC graduate students

Do you need something other than your academic area of study? Do you need an overview on other fields to help with your career planning? If so...join the Purdue University Calumet Graduate Student Association! Share and acquire information and ideas from other graduate students from different departments! For more information, contact Wendi Liu at windy0002@hotmail.com.

Emergency Preparedness Week

The PUC Crisis Management Team will be holding mock scenarios on campus to demonstrate emergency preparedness during the week of September 8. The event is scheduled because September is National Emergency Preparedness Month.

The team will hold a seminar for students, faculty and staff at the Calumet Conference Center on workplace violence at 8 a.m. on September 9. Attendees must be pre-registered by email Martha Lowry at lowry@calumet.purdue.edu.

The team will also be holding a university forum that is open to the public to review emergency policies on September 11. The event will be in Gyte 103 at 12 p.m.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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$20 per student
$22 guest
Registration deadline is September 18th or while supplies last

The Producers
Saturday, September 20th
Theater at the Center
Munster
8:00 p.m. Showtime
$10 per student
$26 faculty/staff/guest
Registration deadline is September 18th or while supplies last

Feast of the Hunters Moon
Sunday, September 28th
West Lafayette
7:00 a.m. PUC departure and 5:00 p.m. PUC return
$10 per student (refundable) & $12 admission at arrival
$15 for faculty/staff/guest (non-refundable) & $12 admission at arrival
Registration deadline is September 24th at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Falls Colors Tour
Sunday, October 19th
Starved Rock
10:00 a.m. PUC departure and 4:00 p.m. PUC return
$10 per student (refundable)
$15 for faculty/staff/guest (non-refundable)
Registration deadline is October 15th at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Northwest Symphony Orchestra Music & Dance
Sunday, November 9th
Munster High School
1:15 p.m. PUC departure 5:30 p.m. PUC return
$10 per student (refundable on bus)
Registration deadline is November 5th at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Prime Outlets Shopping
Saturday, November 29th
Michigan City, IN
9:00 a.m. PUC departure and 5:00 p.m. PUC return
$10 per student (refundable)
$15 for faculty/staff/guest (non-refundable)
Registration deadline is November 25th at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

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A minimum of 25 PUC students needed for trip to occur

PUC ID required at time of purchase and upon boarding bus
No walk-ins accepted

For registration please contact Sue @ 219-989-2367 or stop by Lawshe- RM 352

CIS program combines business, technology

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

The Department of Information Systems added a second major this semester to compliment the management information systems program currently available.

The new computer information systems program, which was scrapped by the School of Technology two years ago, has found a new home in the School of Management. The School of Management picked the program back up because of an increasing need for students to understand the business side of computer systems.

Chen

Duchatelet

"If you only know technology, you can only expect to be a lower-level worker," Department Head Kuan Chen said.

The School of Management is now funneling students through the new CIS program who had been in the old program. Chen calls them pipeline students, and said students who were earning degree requirements before the switch can continue on the old track to graduate.

"Martine Duchatelet, the dean of the School of Management, said the plan to switch the CIS program from the School of Technology began in 2006 before she came to PUC. The Faculty Senate cited efficiencies as the reason for the switch.

But there is a better reason, according to Chen – outsourcing.

Chen said outsourcing is a primary reason the CIS program is back. The management information systems program focuses on accounting, finance and marketing but overlooks data structure and computer programming – essential technology to any business.

Since MIS students are not typically able to design and implement major CIS projects upon graduation, the new program make students more marketable by combining the business and the technology.

"The program is 60 percent technology and 40 percent business," Chen said. "But the business side is getting more important."

Chen compares the new program to building a house.

"If you build a house, someone is paid just to talk to the client," Chen said. "They know the type of cement, the type of wood and the overall design of the house. It's the same with CIS students."

The School of Management hired two visiting faculty members to meet the demand for the number of students it anticipates will enroll in the program, though no new students have enrolled yet. Duchatelet anticipates a nationwide advertising campaign beginning this fall to recruit new students for the spring.

Haiyan Huang from Pennsylvania State University and Ibrahim Mescioglu from Texas A&M International University joined PUC this semester to teach in the department.

Cohen, Faculty Senate discuss strategic plan

Nathyn Gibson
Editor in Chief

Within the next few weeks, the PUC Board of Trustees will meet to decide whether or not to approve the new five-year strategic plan

Chancellor Howard Cohen discussed the two-year operational goals of the strategic plan at a Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday. The 2008-2009 operational goals develops mini-goals from the five goals established in the strategic plan.

The five goals include: Fostering engaged learning, preparing an educated workforce and citizenry for the region, improve student success, increase support for faculty and staff excellence and developing a vibrant campus community.

One of the mini-goals include strengthening and creating environmental partnerships. In what Chancellor Cohen referred to as "a long time coming," the university will be working this semester to expand the university recycling program. By spring 2009, the campus seeks to identify five heavily used products and have them replaced by "greener" products for regular university operations.

Another mini-goal discussed was the new web portal, myPUC.

"Welcome to the age where computers look over your shoulders," Cohen said, as he talked about the new portal. MyPUC is a web portal that will allow students to receive information from the university, such as personal records. The new concept will debut at the end of the month.

In what was referred to as a "high priority," Cohen mentioned intentions to add on to the Student Union Library in a $10 million addition. Cohen stated that he was "optimistic that this won't fall off the table." PUC plans to pay for the addition through private fundraising and has no intention to ask the state for money.

The strategic plan is a five-year plan will be a continuation to the previous five year plan than spanned from 2001 to 2006.

Management begins equine program

PUC is second university with business-related equine program

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

When associate professor Susan Conners first pitched the idea of an equine management program at PUC three years ago, her colleagues in the School of Management were skeptical.

"A lot of people just think of riding horses as some fun thing you do," Conners said.

At least that was the case until a committee reviewed an economic report by the American Horse Council analyzing the big money available in the horse industry. They found that the equine industry is a $39 billion industry that is growing by the year. Moreover, only one equine management program existed in the country. It seemed U.S. students simply were not being educated on the big business of horses.

"Most people were very surprised at the amount of money and jobs available in the industry," Conners said.

These jobs include behavioral therapy, breeding, recreational riding, horse shows, camps and, of course, racing. Conners said many of these jobs are simply filled by people who know how to care for their horses, but not those who have actual business training.

According to Conners, Lake County ranks 13th among counties in Indiana in the number of equine enterprises. Add that to the lucrative business of horse racing in Illinois and PUC seems like the perfect location to teach a program in equine management, Conners said.

Martine Duchatelet, dean of the School of Management, said she was one of Conners' first supporters.

"I knew from my past experience in Florida that the equine industry is a huge industry in the U.S.," Duchatelet said.

She said the committee reviewed many testimonials from horse business owners saying they wanted people with a solid business background. After hearing the need, Duchatelet said she began planning to open the program by fall.

"People involved in this industry are crying for people any sort of business training," Conners said.

Conners said most programs at universities exist in the animal science or veterinary departments and focus on care and feeding rather than business.

The University of Louisville was the only university in the United States with a business related equine program before this semester. Conners and Duchatelet consulted Louisville when they were designing the program, though Conners said Louisville's program focuses almost wholly on the racing industry. Duchatelet said the PUC program takes a more multi-faceted approach by exposing students to horse breeding, horse shows and behavioral therapy.

Professors Mark Russell and Colleen Brady from Purdue University West Lafayette's equine program assist Conners, who is the only professor currently teaching in the program. Duchatelet said Brady and Russell may help Conners by teaching courses at PUC after this semester.

Since the program was designed just in time for the fall semester, Conner's said she did not begin advertising until early summer. Eighteen students enrolled in the program this semester, though, and the School of Management expects many more to follow when they begin running national advertisements next month.

"We see this as a national and even international draw," Conners said.

Ray Schroeder, a 47-year-old freshman, said a friend came across an advertisement during the summer and knew he would be interested.

Like many other students in the program, Schroeder owns horses and realized he needed business training to turn his hobby into a potential career.

Photo provided

Dr. Susan Conners shows off her horse Mona during the student convocation to promote the equine management program at PUC, only the second of its kind in the nation.

"I've always wanted to break in as a racing official or work for the state," Schroeder said. "I knew that I didn't want to spend time cleaning stables."

Schroeder is pursuing a certificate in equine management, which he hopes to earn in two years. He takes his classes online, since the program does not require students to have hands on training with horses.

Kate Hodson, a senior majoring in biology, already has one degree and came back to PUC with the hopes of pursuing veterinarian school after graduation. She is taking the equine management courses as electives now, but said the business training is invaluable to beginning her own veterinarian practice someday.

"Too many Americans just view this as a hobby," Hodson said.

And though both live in Northwest Indiana, they both expect the program to draw students from around the nation in coming semesters who seek the business training they do.

CTIS Connection

Information Technology Services at Purdue University Calumet

E-mailing Large Images

It's been a common issue on campus, e-mails sent out with huge images attached to them. There are ways to send out large strings of photos to people and still keep inboxes relatively clear. The simplest way to do this with the campus e-mail system is to use external image hosts and post links to your pictures in your e-mail rather than adding them as attachments. Today, we're going to go over a couple of easy to use image hosts.

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Photobucket is a free image host. To create an account to store images there, simply click on the large green "Join Now" button. Enter the asked for information, and register your account and you're ready to go. You can use the upload dialogue to add pictures to your album, and set it either to private or public. In a public album, anyone can see any of your pictures. In a private album, only people you send direct links of your pictures to, or people you give a friend password to can see your pictures.

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Game night

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Brittney Jones, a freshman in elementary education, and Erica Williams, a freshman in criminal justice, enjoy a game of Uno during Thursday's game night, sponsoredby the University Village

Do you know me?

Rick Balutewicz
Photo Editor

Any student who taken a course by associate professor of communication Mary Beth O'Connor for the first time, most likely cringes at the site of the 12-page syllabus that is handed out on the first day of class.

Yes, it is twelve pages and it even contains a contract pledging academic honesty that every student must sign.

Page by page, teacher and students alike carefully read it. After a few pages, a realization sets in that it is not that bad and it contains all the information needed to pass the class.

Not only does the syllabus contain information to pass the class, but it also gives instruction on acting in good character during the class.

This instruction in good character is not only crucial to pass her class, but it can also carry out of the classroom. Students from any major, whether engineering, biology, education, English or communication, can benefit from this instruction in acting honorably.

It is something that we are all guilty of lacking at one time or another.

But the main excerpt of the grandiose document is near the end. It is a piece of advice that truly extends to the classroom and behind. Students are required to read it and agree to it by signing a contract.

Here is one excerpt that can benefit everyone.

"I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.

The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me, for I have no face and no name.

To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become, I am nobody's friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never quite the same.

I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers, cause sleepless nights, heartaches and grief. I make innocent people cry into their pillow. I make headlines and heartaches. I AM CALLED GOSSIP. The next time you want to tell a story about someone... think. Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind? If not, please don't say it!!!"

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Starving students

The issue: *Shortened hours of operation at the Oaken Arbor Cafe, Grab N' Go and Outtakes*

Our opinion: *For a campus trying to become more residential, slashing hours at food establishments is a huge step backwards.*

College students are notorious for eating at all times of the day. Whether it is late snacking while reviewing class notes for a quiz the following day or grabbing an early lunch because an afternoon spent in the library is a must.

Unfortunately, at PUC that type of leisure is not available due to the inconvenient hours of our food facilities.

New hours set in place at the Oaken Arbor Café, Outtakes Quick Cuisine and CLO Grab N' Go make finding a time to eat a chore. The main food café which is Oaken Arbor now is closed at 3 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and closes at 2 p.m. on Friday.

A normal day for most involves breakfast, lunch and dinner. Apparently, PUC forgot the whole dinner aspect of the day. A healthy three meals is something that should be expected from a college looking to better people's minds and bodies.

In comparison to other schools, the availability of hours to eat at PUC is far less. Any residential campus usually has dinner offered till 9 p.m. and even a takeout food option for those looking to grab a bite to eat between 9 p.m. and midnight.

In order for PUC to gain more credibility as a residential campus and grow in size, one would think providing adequate hours would be a given. If PUC is having trouble finding employees to work after 3 p.m. then maybe they should think outside the box and let a restaurant be contracted out and serve as another option for the campus community looking to eat.

The inconvenient hours put a serious hinder on food possibilities for the students living in the University Village dorms. Students without transportation aren't given the luxury of an array of restaurants and grocery stores within walking distance. The thought of students walking along the heavy trafficked 173rd Ave. to find some food is downright scary.

The growing theme of changing PUC into a residential school can't be achieved when hours are cut at the Oaken Arbor Café. Hours should be extended and more food availability be given, and instead it's headed in the opposite direction.

With a hustling and bustling student body, which involves many coming to and from work, the decreased hours give little convenience for grabbing a quick bite to eat. Besides the student body, the faculty is left with little options as well.

Oh, the campus will tell us that we are left with a solid option to find something to eat: A vending machine.

But expecting the campus to eat and drink out of a vending a machine after 3 p.m. is just simply not enough.

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Radio killed the radio star

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

Even if you don't own satellite radio, chances are one of your friends does and you've experienced it by now. Minimal commercials, great music and a huge selection make it hard to resist.

Ever think about why there is satellite radio? Besides improvements in technology, radio just doesn't cut it anymore.

The 1980's song by the Buggles titled "Video Killed the Radio Star" should now be titled "Radio Killed the Radio Star." Every song is so overplayed that you can flip through three stations and hear different sections of the same song. Every station jumps on the bandwagon and plays the same popular songs into the ground.

Maybe it's just the competition with the other stations that causes this. The pressure to play the here and now must be enormous, but I think they would have more competition if they played the older stuff that people hear and say,"I remember this song!"

Why do stations insist on doing this?

This past weekend, Q101 had a rewind weekend. That means they played all the songs from the *90s that made them who they* are today.

They DJ said, "We are staying true to our roots and playing the music that started it all."

I texted in and said that they should respect their roots and play this music all the time. I got a response back that said it was a good idea. I thought maybe I actually got through to someone over there.

That dream was short lived.

After Labor Day, they went right back to the same washed out music that they play every hour.

I don't understand it. What's so wrong with playing the songs of the 90s all the time? It would add some flavor by mixing up the variety. It might even take away the split- second decision by most listeners to turn the station before Chris Cornell starts droning on if he wasn't played every 15 minutes.

Apparently, this is just a pipe dream.

Most of the people I talk to about this don't even listen to the radio anymore. CDs, iPods and satellite radio are taking over mainstream music technology. These devices offer real selection that make you want to tap your foot along to the beat rather than smack your head into the steering wheel over the redundancies.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Katie Ramsey at chronicle_entertainment_editor @ yahoo.com or (219) 989-2547.

Answers are just a text away

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

Have questions? Chacha has the answers.

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The website also offers customers the ability to look up ques tions that have already been asked,or even view the testimonies of other people who have tried ChaCha. There are many uses for a wonderful and easily accessible tool such as ChaCha.com, all of which are sure to be taken full advantage of by anyone who needs answers.

Album fails to capture essence

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

The Offspring have been rockin' out since they signed their first record label in 1989. They were fresh out of high school and had years of great music making ahead of them. They've been making albums for almost 20 years and their new album has a new sound that makes any long time listener cringe.

The sound of The Offspring has slowly evolved from their rookie self titled album to the 2000 release of "Conspiracy of One". When "Splinter" came out in 2003 the sound had changed so much, fans wouldn't know it was them if it weren't for lead singer Dexter Holland's unique vocals. The last track on Splinter "When you're in prison" should have been an indicator of what was to come. The last track wasn't even the band preforming. It was an old time recording that warned people not to bend over in prison.

"Rise and fall, rage and grace," released June 17, 2008, sounds painstakingly similar to "Splinter". The tracks are upbeat without much of the signature Offspring guitar sound to satisfy. Dexter strains to hit some of the sporadic notes that are much too young for his aged cords.

They experimented this time with harmony provided by the fellow band mates. It just doesn't fit the profile for the band. It's hard to enjoy the music when the only thought is "this sounds nothing like their old stuff."Although bands are expected and even encouraged to grow as one, some things are better left as is.

The Offspring opened full throttle

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The Offspring didn't even come close to putting out a satisfying album this time around.

with "Ignition" in 1993 and hit the nail on the head with "Smash," accompanied by their notorious hit "Self-Esteem". They struck hot again in 1997 with "Ixnay on the Hombre". The Offspring were on the top of their game and touring around the world

A year after "Ixnay", they put out "Americana" and the eye rolling "Pretty fly for a white guy" tortured the air waves. The sound on this album was fresh and took a slightly different direction with guitar rhythm and vocals, but still possessed the qualities that the Offspring fans know and love.

These tracks have a comfortable mix of upbeat happy songs and depressing sad stories with two minutes story lines that made sense.

"Conspiracy of One" still rang true to the Offspring legacy in regards to guitar, but some of the music just didn't cut it. The tracks were still silly, but the melody was noticeably different. The tempo was changing and the band was evolving, but not for the better.

The tracks on "Rise and fall, rage and grace" are as different as the drummer used for the album.

Drummer Ron Welty decided to leave the band in 2003 and The Offspring recruited Atom Willard to be the official replacement for Ron Welty. The lyrics are sub-par and the music sounds like something they thought was modern and hip, but just didn't work for the band.

The song titled "You're gonna go far, kid" is just an examples of the lyrics assembled to make no sense.

Now dance, f****r, dance
Man, he never had a chance
And no one even knew
It was really only you
And now you steal away
Take him out today
Nice work you did

Hopes were high and fingers were crossed that this album would return to the sound The Offspring used in the 90s. The radio hit "Hammerhead" sounds modern, but still is undeniably The Offspring. It was just a tease, though, because the rest of the album is alien to a long time fan of what the band is capable of composing.

Dexter should take his own advice when it comes to what worked well for the band in years past and the new sound they're using that is just plain horrible. You gotta keep 'em seperated.

1/5 Overall Stars

Flick is cliche, but heartwarming

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Staff Writer

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Jasmine and her uncle Curtis dont have much in common until he discovers her throwing arm. They work together to put together a winning football team. It's the stereotypical tale of the heroic underdogs, but still gets thumbs up for being a family film.

The small city of Minden, Illinois has seen better days. When a factory closed, many jobs disappeared and the townsfolk became downtrodden. The shabby Main Street is a testament to all the town has lost. This is where "The Longshots" begins.

Jasmine Plummer (Keke Palmer) is a shy girl being raised by a single mother. She always has her nose in a book and her head in the clouds. She tries to get along with classmates at her high school, but she's constantly teased and mistreated. She rather spend her days at home alone.

Her uncle, Curtis Plummer (Ice Cube) is an unemployed former factory worker. He played high school football with Jasmine's father. With his glory days long gone, he spends his time watching Minden's football team called the Browns. Although assistant coach Cyrus (Dash Mihok) offers him the opportunity to help out the team, Curtis declines.

Claire Plummer (Tasha Smith) can't stand to see her daughter so unhappy. She encourages her to get involved in extracurricular activities after school, but Jasmine protests that everybody hates her.

It's then that Claire asks Curtis to spend time with Jasmine after school. He protests at first, but eventually agrees.

Their friendship starts off badly. Curtis finds Jasmine to be weird and moody while Jasmine tells him he smells bad. They almost give up and part ways, but while Jasmine reads a book, a football lands by her and without any effort, she makes a great throw. Curtis can already see potential.

When her uncle refuses to stop asking her, Jasmine finally agrees to go into the backyard and show him what she can do. Curtis trains and supports her and in no time, Jasmine's throwing like a professional football player.

Curtis convinces her to try out for the Minden Browns and she soon replaces the team's terrible quarterback.

Jasmine endures teasing from other teams as well as her own teammates, but before long her exceptional throwing ability has everyone cheering. The team is not only winning again, but soon finds itself in the Pop Warner Super Bowl.

Unfortunately, it's in Florida and Minden doesn't have the money to send the team, or so it seems. Town spirit is greatly elevated by the team's success and people pour out their hearts along with their wallets. Curtis himself offers all the savings he's kept for his dream trip to Florida and the Browns are on their way.

This movie may seem like another "Are We There Yet?" at first but thankfully Ice Cube doesn't do any slapstick in this one. It's by no means an adult comedy like the "Friday" or "Barbershop" movies, although Ice Cube was much better in those. Instead, this is a "feel good" football family movie.

The story's been told over and over again. Through determination and spirit, underdogs can overcome in sporting events. Not unlike "Remember the Titans", "Coach Carter" or (shudder) "The Mighty Ducks", "The Longshots" is about never giving up, confidence and self-esteem. The only difference is this movie focuses much more on one player's story. The true story of the first female player in the Pop Warner football tournament. Family oriented and with a PG rating, this movie is safe to go see with all but the youngest children.

3/5 Overall Stars

Avon offers more than just a catalog

Julia Toles
Correspondent

While flipping through an Avon catalog a must have might be spotted. Now there's no need to wait for the order. Yes, ladies and sometimes gentlemen, there is an actual Avon store located in Merrillville.

Upon arrival, one may be greeted by Sarah Montella,one of the stores assistant. She is eagerly waiting to help with any customer needs.

This store has such a fun and hip feeling. Its décor exemplifies a trendy boutique. The different colors of well known products catch the eye. While walking throughout the store the scents of many fragrances diffuse pleasantly. This is a plus because they advertise a lot of perfumes that can't be smelled on paper. Some of the scents that might capture attention are Driven by Derek Jeter, Spring in Paris by Celine Dion, Avon's own Rare pearls and Imari.

There are tables throughout the store that are devoted to certain products, which makes it very easy to shop.

There are fragrance, jewelry and skin care products tables. Some of the many products are Avon Anew for the face, Avon solutions cleansing foams and scrubs, Avon skin soft bath oils, cooling gel, and moisturizers. The store also has bargain tables and dollar bins.

Mark is available and has a section of its own, which includes its very highly anticipated makeup line, clothing line, and accessories.

Avon is also known for its jewelry. Almost every type of jewelry is available in store. There are beaded bracelets that can be found in almost any color, plain silver necklaces, and to die for earrings.

The fun doesn't stop at accessories. There are dresses, fun tee shirts, pajama pants and fun purses that can be sported throughout the year.

This store caters to (mostly) women of all ages. There is something to the likes of everyone. This particular store, which is the company's premier store, displays the aspect of impressive, immediate service.

This store does not rule out the fact that one can still order from the Avon books. The store just assists in purchasing some of their products sooner rather than later.

Some of the new arrivals coming later this year are Patrick Dempsey Unscripted and Avon's Bond girl for women. Both products should arrive in November.

Chronicle Photo by Rick Balutewicz

The Avon store, located at 2470 E 81st Ave, offers a quick solution to waiting a week to get your order. A quick stop by the store solves the waiting dilemma.

Next time the Haiku body powder is running low, don't wait to order. Just head on over to the Avon store located at 2470 on Route 30 in Merrillville.

The store is open Tuesday through Thursday and Saturdays.

Destination on a dime

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

The rising gas prices have caused a strain on students' wallets as well as narrowing options on how far they can actually drive. Purdue University in West Lafayette has been an out of town destination for many Purdue University Calumet students for various reasons.

Many students have friends or relatives attending the campus and enjoy traveling down to visit. Others go down to party with friends. With the trip taking less than two hours,and gas prices dipping slightly it's not out of the question. During the fall West Lafayette attracts more than the college students looking for a party.

September 27 is the opening day of the 41st annual Feast of the Hunters' Moon festival and re-enactment at Fort Quiatenon Historic Park in West Lafayette.

The feast runs through September 28 from 9 am until 5 pm. The festival is a re-enactment of the annual autumn gathering of French and Native Americans which actually occurred at Fort Quiatenon (which served as a trading post) during the mid-1700s.

Volunteer soldiers dressed as Native Americans as well as the French attend the festival and present an educational and fun experience for all. Re-enactors sleep on the grounds in tents as people from the 1700s would have done. Food is prepared over an open fire and showers are non- existent.

Volunteers put on demonstrations such as tomahawk, drum line and bow and arrow competitions. Artillery demonstrations are also performed with a period correct cannon.

They are always willing to stop and have a discussion with visitors or answer questions. Be prepared though, some of the volunteers do tease and may ask why the visitors are dressed strangely.

Hundreds of vendors attend the festival to sell merchandise from the time period. 1700-1800's clothing for women, men and children are available as well as cooking ware, jewelry, games, blankets and odds and ends. All items sold are made as close to the documented items from the time period as possible, therefore causing them to be a bit expensive.

Food vendors are also in abundance. Some sell food common from the era such as turkey legs and rock candy. However, burgers can also be found.

Volunteers come from all over the Midwest to participate in the feast and give some of their knowledge of the time period to observers. One of the volunteer groups, Northwest Territory Alliance (NWTA) is composed mostly of volunteers from Indiana and Illinois. These volunteers specialize in Revolutionary War re-enactments but also enjoy volunteering for The Feast.

Put down the remote this weekend and do something out of the ordinary. A trip to Lafayette, a history lesson that doesn't require notes, and a turkey leg with your name on it. Sounds a lot more appealing than Desperate Housewives re-runs.

Rick Balutewicz

The Colonists fire a naval cannon. It was not uncommon for women to participate. Check out the re-enactment in West Lafayette starting September 27.More information is available at www.nwta.com

Check out these new CD releases

September 9

* Death Magnetic
Metallica

* Still Unforgetable
Natalie Cole

* Do You Know
Jessica Simpson

* Love and Life
Eric Benett

* Promised Land
Dar Williams

* Do You Believe in Gosh?
Mitch Hedberg

* Day After Tomorrow
JoanBaez

* Daughtry: Deluxe Edition
(CD/DVD)

* Little Wild One
Joan Osborn

*Exit 13
LL Cool Jay

Like expressing you opinion about how dinner tasted? Do you like pointing out everything that made that movie horrible? Your opinion is wanted!

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Do you know what Barbie's full name is?

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weekly trivia

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Theft: Victim reported the theft of his wallet, after leaving it unattended, near the copy machine in the Enrollment Services Center. The victim had inadverently walked away leaving his wallet and when he remembered it, it was gone. No clues or suspects.

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09.03.08 SULB 10:30 a.m.

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Saturday September 13
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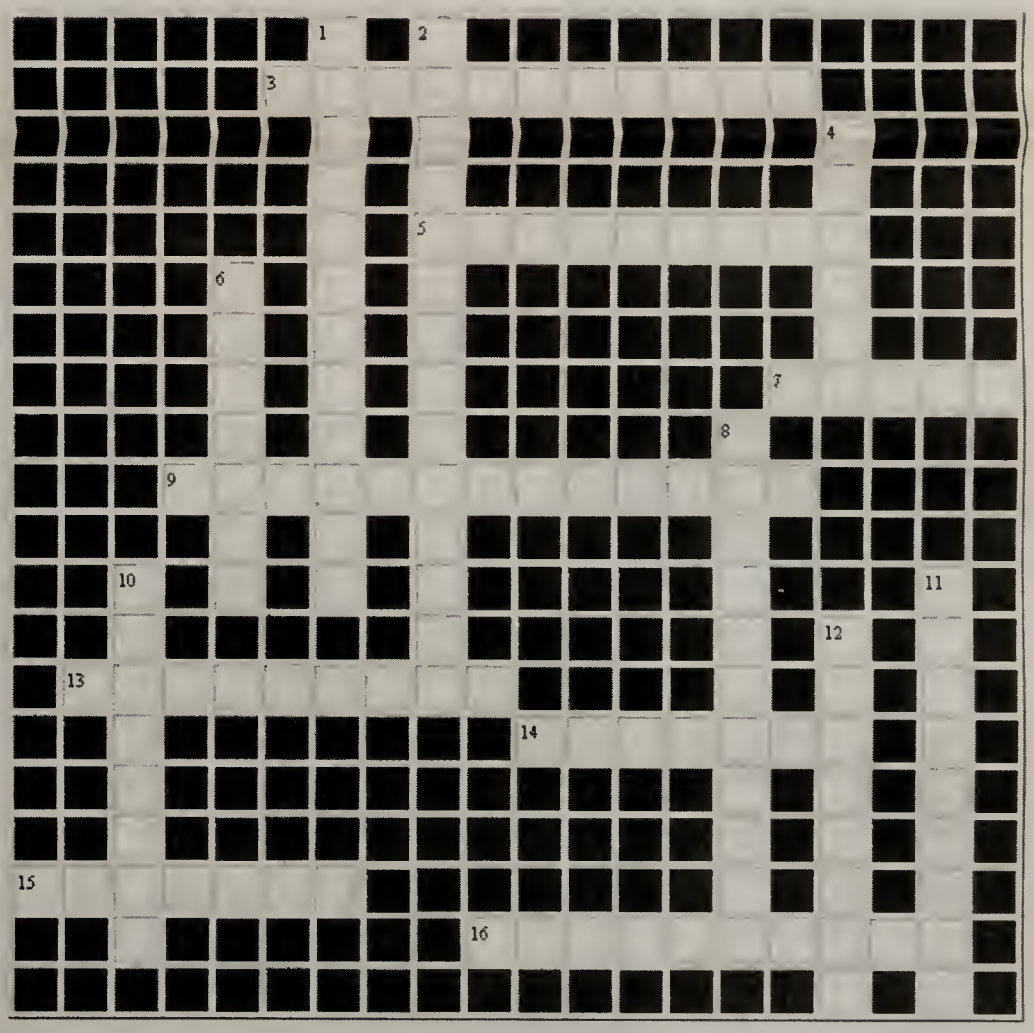

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DeRosa enjoying career year with Cubs

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Mark DeRosa is having a breakout season for the Cubs, his numbers are career highs and have helped the Cubs lead their division.

Odie Gray
Staff Writer

Some say that the heart of the Chicago Cubs are their endearing fan base who can be found all over the nation and who have stuck with them through some of their most long, miserable, title less seasons.

For this season anyway, Mark Derosa a.k.a. "The Pulse" has given the Chicago Cubs a new life procuring 132 hits, 93 runs, 83 RBI and 20 homers on the season so far. Derosa's phenomenal play has helped ignite the Cub's to a 86-57 record topping the National League Central Division as of Sunday.

The Cubs signed him as a free agent in Feb. '07 for $13 million over three years after lacking the interest of his prior team, the Texas Rangers.

DeRosa's previous home run high was 13, set in 2006 while with the Texa Rangers.

The Cubs' most versatile player had to cut back on his upper-body workouts in the off-season due to health problems. He concentrated on just staying in lean baseball shape.

DeRosa's resume also consists of playing for the team he signed with as a 7th round draft pick, the Atlanta Braves for a quiet and stagnant five seasons.

He believed he held back a lot until he came to play for Chicago and never got a grasp of his full potential. He never stopped trying and showed off his versatility playing every defensive-fielding position except center fielder. Right now he is comfortable at second base aside one of the best first basemen in the division, Derek Lee.

Derosa always was a competitive athlete even in his youth. He grew up in Pasiac, New Jersey and received All-State honors in both football and baseball.

He then went on to attend college and play for the University of Pennsylvania starting as a quarterback while still being committed to the baseball team.

Derosa also found time to be a member of the fraternity Sigma Chi. Right now he is married to model Heidi Miller and has one daughter.

He gave the Cub's organization a scare after going down on Feb. 23, 2008, because of breathing complications and a rapid heartbeat. It turned out that he had an irregular heartbeat and most have immediate surgery.

After being released from the hospital his teammates dubbed him "The Pulse".

Mark DeRosa 2008 Stats (as of 9/7/08)	
Avg.	.289
HR	20
RBI	83
Runs	93

Carlos Quentin 2008 Stats (as of 9/7/08)	
Avg.	.287
HR	36
RBI	100
Runs	96

Injury derails Sox breakout star

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Carlos Quentin was leading the majors with 36 homers this season, despite going down with a broken wrist last week, which will require surgery and could likely end his season.

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

White Sox General Manager Kenny Williams always seems to be the center of big trades in the world of Major League Baseball. His acquisition of veteran outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. from the Cincinnati Reds was one of the most unexpected and talked about trades this past summer.

While big moves like the Griffey trade get all the attention from the media, it's often the deals that no one talks about that make a difference in the success of the Sox.

Last December, Williams sent minor league first baseman Christopher Carter to the Arizona Diamondbacks for outfielder Carlos Quentin. The trade received little to no media attention. After all, Quentin was coming off a lackluster season in 2007, where his .210 batting average led to him being demoted to the minor leagues in July.

What a difference a year makes.

Quentin, who just turned 26 on August 28th, came in to Spring Training hoping to make the team as back up. He ended up making the 25-man roster when projected starting centerfielder Jerry Owens went down with an injury.

This season, in 126 games (only 12 games less than he had played in his whole career) Quentin has a .287 batting average, with 100 runs batted in and an MLB leading 36 home runs. He has nearly tripled his career total in home runs and already has 37 more RBI's this season than he has for his career. His out of nowhere season earned him a spot on the American League All-Star Team.

Fans on the South Side have welcome Quentin with open arms.

"MVP! MVP! MVP!" chant fans when he comes to the plate.

Quentin's long journey to Chicago began when he was a three sport star in baseball, football and basketball at the University of San Diego High School.

He played college baseball for Stanford, and was named all Pac-10 during his three seasons at the school. He finished with a .350 batting average and helped lead the Cardinals to the 2003 College World Series. He was drafted by the Diamondbacks that same year.

Quentin's monster like year has unfortunately been put to an abrupt halt. The slugger is scheduled to undergo surgery on his right wrist this week. He will be evaluated within the next month to hopefully return to the ball club if they make the playoffs.

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Quote of the week

"Obviously, utopia would be that we come in here and go up and down the field and win 100-0. Guess what? It didn't play out that way."

Charlie Weis, after a 21-13 victory over San Diego State on Saturday.

Intramural schedule:

Monday, Sept. 8
Dodgeball (7:30pm)
Location: PUC Gym

Tuesday, Sept. 9
Bocce Ball (6:30pm)
Location: Grassy area between Gyte & Lawshe

Wednesday ,Sept. 10
Home Run Derby (7:00pm)
Location: PUC Gym

Thursday, Sept. 11
Flag Football Deadline
Dodgeball (7:30pm)

PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET PEREGRINES

Ryan Metz

Weekly High Five

1 Carl Lewis

Sports Illustrated dubbed the sprinter and long jumper the "Olympian of the Century," and with good reason, showcasing his 10 Olympic medals (9 gold and 1 silver).

2 Jesse Owens

Cheered on by 110,000 spectators, including Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, the track and field hero became the first American to win four gold medals in a single Olympics in the 1936 Games in Berlin. He won gold in the 100- and 200-meter sprints, the long jump and as part of the 4x100-meter relay team.

3 Michael Phelps

The Water Cube in Beijing is where Phelps went for eight gold medals and seven world records. The 23-year-old with the 6'7" wingspan and size 14 shoes now has 16 Olympic medals to his name.

4 Mary Lou Retton

Retton became the first American to win the all-around gymnastics title, at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles. She also took home medals in four other events in those Games – silver in the team competition and vault, and bronze in the uneven bars and floor exercise.

5 Greg Louganis

The American diving legend became the first person since 1928 to win both the platform and springboard diving gold medals, doing so at the 1984 Olympics. Four years later he went on to repeat after receiving a concussion while hitting his head on the board in qualifying.

Wrigley Field versus U.S. Cellular Field

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

A captivating summer in which both Chicago baseball clubs have spent a majority of their time in first place had fans cheering on both sides of town. I had a chance to visit both ballparks in the same week and give the pros and cons of both venues:

U.S. Cellular Field (Monday, August 18):

A short drive to the South Side and the $22 dollar parking made for a smooth transition into the ballpark that I call home to my favorite team, the White Sox. Parking is easy and it's always fun to see the tailgaters in the lot playing bags and enjoying a little pre-game festivities.

Upon arriving inside "The Cell," I got that little-boy-in-me excited feeling that always happens when I take in a professional baseball game. After riding up the escalators to our section and being engulfed by the smells of the concessions, I immediately thought it was necessary to eat.

After a $6 dollar steak gyro, (the food selection is great; anything from dogs, sausages , Chicago-style pizza and beef sandwiches) I make my way around the spotless concourse which features many souvenir spots and concessions.

Before first pitch AC/DC's "Thunderstruck" blasts from the speakers as the players go to their positions which sends chills up your spine. The game was great, four homers were hit and lots of fireworks were on display.

Wrigley Field (Friday, August 22):

After hopping off the Red Line and arriving right outside the park, I knew the experience would be entirely different than anything I was use to on the Southside. It was only my second time attending a Cub's game at Wrigley.

Walking around the park before the game reminded me of a game day morning at a college town. Anyone familiar with that knows there is a lot of debauchery, which usually includes drunks walking around and girls not wearing a lot of clothes.

We endured an one hour rain delay, or what could be called the world's largest wet t-shirt party. The bleacher seats ($115 a piece) are something that a baseball fan needs to experience.

It needs to be said that the stereotype that people go to Wrigley to soak up the sun and drink beer held true. "The Sex and the City" wannabe ladies behind us really had no interest in the game, other than an occasional scream, letting Mark DeRosa know he's a hottie!

After a couple of Bud Lights, I was part of the bleacher bums, just don't let my Sox friends know.

Have feedback? Readers can contact Ryan Metz at chronicle_sports_editor@yahoo.com or call 989-2547

Watch out as dodgeballs fly

Chronicle photo by Rick Balutewicz

Jordan Casey, a junior accounting major, throws a ball on Thursday night in the PUC gym during intramural open dodgeball. While Josh Roux, a civil engineering freshman, watches.

National Lampoon Sports Minute

Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano could go on the DL. Team doctors said if his arm were any weaker, he'd be Rex Grossman.

Michael Phelps' mother has been signed to endorsement deals with a division of Johnson & Johnson. Phelps is so famous that even the uterus he came out of is landing commercials.

The Tampa Rays keep cruising, which is a surprise to everyone. By normal Florida standards, cruising usually involves a 73-year-old doing 35 in the left lane.

Tom Brady has agreed to conduct a passing camp at Gillette Stadium for $23,000 per participant. Campers will learn about long passes, shuttle passes and most importantly, passes at supermodels.

Only a few games out of first, the Colorado Rockies hope to make a miraculous run to the playoffs like they did last year. Apparently Denver isn't the only thing that's high.

Dodgers second baseman Jeff Kent had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee. The procedure took only 20 minutes, but Kent's whining made it feel like three hours.

And the Seattle Mariners became the first team to be mathematically eliminated. From next year's playoffs.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

Introducing the Peregrine freshmen basketball players

Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

Jarrid Bradley
6'6" Forward

High School: MacOnaquah HS in Peru, Ind., averaged 13.4 points and 10.5 rebounds per game.
Why you came to PUC: I had already been accepted into the engineering program at West Lafayette and when the opportunity came for me to play basketball and get the same degree I could get there, I chose PUC.
Goals for the season: To finish with a strong record, win conference, and make a run in the playoffs. I'll do whatever coach tells me to be able to make an impact this year.
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: I'm studying ECET right now but I plan on switching into CIS. Upon graduation, I would like to go directly into the job that my degree takes me to.
Coach Voudrie's scouting report: Jarrid is a very skilled player for his size. He has shown the ability to play both inside and outside with a solid understanding of how to play the game.

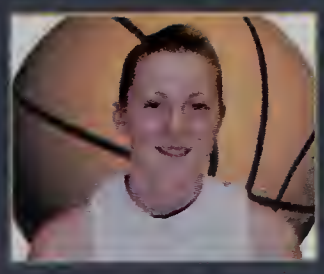
Wayne Montgomery
6'7" Center

High School: TF North HS, Calumet City, Ill., averaged 6.8 points and 5.1 rebounds.
Why you came to PUC: It's a great school with a great engineering program and they have a good basketball team with good players.
Goals for the season: For us to win conference and do really good this year and for me personally to just contribute to the team anyway I can.
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: I'm studying computer engineering and I plan to go in this field when I graduate.
Coach Voudrie's scouting report: Wayne is a big kid that has a ton of potential. He has no idea how efficient of a player he can become. He will benefit greatly from competing with and working alongside Kevin Thomas everyday in practice.

Eric Schooler
6'2" Guard

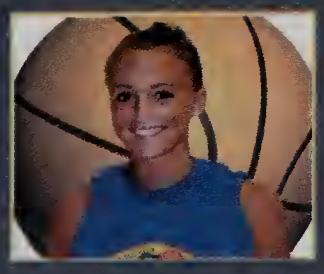
High School: Bishop Noll HS, averaged 11.1 points 6.6 assists and 4.2 steals.
Why you came to PUC: I liked the school and it was close to home, the teammates were cool too.
Goals for the season: Win conference
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: Studying business management and then start working.
Coach Voudrie's scouting report: Of our freshmen, Eric has the greatest opportunity for immediate playing time because point guard is the position where we have the least experience and depth. He brings a solid fundamental approach with a good ability to shoot the ball. He is also is a deceptively good athlete.

Stephaine Beck
5'7" Guard



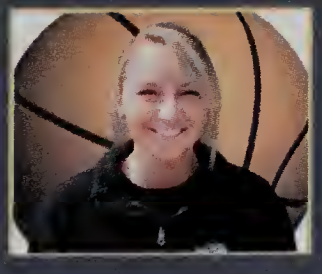
High School: Mishawaka HS, averaged 17.2 points, 3.4 assists and 3.2 rebounds per game.
Why you came to PUC: To get my education and play women's basketball at the collegiate level.
Goals for the season: To improve as a team and make it to the NAIA Division II National Tournament.
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: Communications & Political Science, after college I want to be a graduate assistant coach at a college level and get my master's degree in one of my majors.
Coach Megyesi's scouting report: She is an outstanding shooter. She's very well schooled fundamentally and has great basketball savvy.

Nicci Desimone
5'6" Guard



High School: Elkhart Memorial HS, made a career 71 three-pointers and totaled 399 points.
Why you came to PUC: Loved the atmosphere here, and to continue my education and to play ball.
Goals for the season: To improve as a team and individual. Also, to make it into the NAIA tourney.
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: Currently undecided but plan to major in elementary education. I plan to teach somewhere near my hometown and possibly coach ball.
Coach Megyesi's scouting report: She's a tremendous shooter, who will play wing for us. She is very capable of scoring.

Corynne Gregory
5'9" Forward



High School: Hobart HS, averaged 6.9 points and 4.2 rebounds per game.
Why you came to PUC: I came to PUC because I wanted to stay local and Purdue has an excellent education program.
Goals for the season: I hope we can be CCAC conference champs this year. We have alot of talent and potential on the team and I believe we can accomplish anything.
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: My major is Elementary Education, after graduation I plan to teach the third grade.
Coach Megyesi's scouting report: She will play inside for us and we need that depth. She's very athletic and can get up and down the floor very well.

Krystal Coleman
5'4" Guard

High School: Lake Central HS
Why you came to PUC: To get a good education and continue my basketball career.
Goals for the season: Just to play well and make a positive contribution to the team.
What are you studying and what you plan to do after graduation: I'm undecided and I don't know what I want to do yet.
Coach Megyesi's scouting report: She is true point guard. She has excellent speed which can break a press and can play great defense.